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OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

EDITOR William Jennings Bryan has given it out recently that he would like to have Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as the next Democratic nominee for President. Mr. Bryan was very complimentary of Judge Clark, and thinks he would be the very man for the place. He says Judge Clark has stood fair and square on all Democratic issues and would therefore be a good leader in 1904. Judge Clark's friends in North Carolina and elsewhere appreciate this high compliment by the editor of The Commonwealth, who himself has twice headed the national ticket for the Democratic party.

THE following item from Indianapolis, Ind., found its way into the prints a few days ago: "Miss Lula Spence, the chambermaid who refused to make up Booker T. Washington's bed at the English a week ago, and who lost her position because of it, has received over \$1,100 from the South during the past twenty-four hours. One draft was for \$1,000 from 'Southerner,' at New Orleans. There was \$6.92 from Montgomery, Ala.; \$16.75 from Winona, Miss.; \$10 from Pickens, Miss.; \$10 from a Memphis cigar manufacturer; \$47 from citizens of Calhoun, Ala., and other smaller amounts. Miss Spence has opened a bank account; she is a business little woman and says she proposes to save her money. The other side of the controversy is beginning to assert itself. Colored people have 'spotted' her and are beginning to insult her. While Miss Spence is getting letters from the South, complimentary letters are being received by the hotel people from negro sympathizers in the North. 'But,' Miss Spence said to-day when she told of the \$1,000 draft from New Orleans, 'I am going to work. I expect to take one of the positions offered me in the South, probably the one in the Hotel Houston, Texas, just as soon as I get my damage suit well in hand.'"

THIS being the two-hundredth year of John Wesley's birth, the Methodists of the country have commenced the celebration of the bi-centenary of Methodism. Of John Wesley himself, the Richmond Times-Dispatch says: "John Wesley was the man for the crisis of his time. He was raised up for a great work, and for a necessary reform; he realized the divine nature of his call, and with the courage and heroism of Saul of Tarsus he went manfully and fearlessly and devotedly to the task, and accomplished the work that was set before him. The church had become in his day a great machine, and its one object seemed to be to exploit itself and to make a strong organization, largely regardless of the religious needs of its membership. John Wesley, with the true spirit of democracy and the true spirit of Christianity in his heart, saw that the true aim of the church should be to exploit the individual, to promote individual piety, and that the church was worse than useless when its activities were turned in any other direction. The little society which he organized within the church of England was founded upon this principle, upon the principle of personal piety. It was a small beginning; it was like the bit of heaven which a woman hid in three measures of meal, but it was the leaven of righteousness, and at once it began to work, nor did it cease until the lump had expanded in all directions and until it was entirely leavened. The whole Christian world caught the spirit of Wesleyanism, and to-day there is no church worthy of the name in all Christendom which has not his spirit, which does not exert itself for the promotion of personal religion among its members. John Wesley is remembered and glorified and beloved by the Christian world when men more famous than he have been forgot, because he loved much and devoted his life and his talent and his great heart to the cause of humanity. It is meet and right that the Methodists of the world should celebrate the glorious achievements of this glorious man, and it is meet and right that Christians of all denominations should join with them in this notable religious festival."

THE great railroad wreck which occurred near Raleigh last week turns the attention of the public to the matter of safety in travel. According to the statement by the News and Observer, the wreck was caused by rotten cross ties. It was stated, however, that the engineer in charge of the train said that the condition of the cross ties had nothing to do with the wreck. Whether the condition of the cross ties was responsible for the accident or not, the wreck developed the fact that many of the cross ties along the road at that point near Raleigh were rotten; and this the railroad authorities ought to have known and remedied. It is a very easy matter to find fault with any person or anything, and we are aware that the public is often unreasonable in restrictions against railroad companies, simply because they are corporations. In this feeling we take no share and for it we have no patience. But all public carriers of passengers are under a peculiar obligation to the public. In the first place, they charge the public full price for the service rendered, for which we have no complaints to make. We believe in fair and just compensation for all services by whomsoever rendered and for whomsoever done. But the peculiar obligation under which such carriers are to the public, is the implied contract for safety in transportation. The public has learned to look at railroad and steamboat travel as an indispensable factor of modern life, and desires to look upon such travel in confidence of safety. When the railroad trains advertise their schedules they do not insure the public against accidents, but they impliedly say that they have used due diligence to make their carriages reasonably safe, that they are using and will continue to use diligence to keep the public protected against dangers by accidents, so far as they can. From this standpoint, then, the railroads and steamboat lines which propose to carry the public are criminal so far forth as they do not take care of the people who trust to them their safety. If rotten railroad ties are liable to cause a wreck, then the railroad companies are criminally negligent in knowingly permitting their trains to run over such ties, whether the wreck at Raleigh was caused by rotten ties or not.

ROGER AND I.

[From Boston Evening Transcript.]

Well, Roger, my dear old doggie, they say that your race is run; And our jolly tramps together up and down the world are done; You're only a dog, old fellow; a dog, and you've had your day; But never a friend of all my friends has been truer than you always.

We've had glorious times together in the fields and pastures fair; In storm and sunny weather we have romped without a care; And however men have treated me, though foul or fair their deal— However many the friends that failed me, I've found you true as steel.

That's right, my dear old fellow, look up with your knowing eye, And lek my hand with your loving tongue that never has told a lie; And don't be afraid, old doggie, if your time has come to go; For somewhere out in the great Unknown there's a place for you, I know.

Then don't you worry, old comrade, and don't you fear to die; For out in that fairer country I will find you by and by; And I'll stand by you, old fellow, and our love will surely win, For never a heaven shall harbor me, where they won't let Roger in.

When I reach that city glorious, behind the waiting dark, Just come and stand outside the gate, and wag your tail and bark— I'll hear your voice, and I'll know it, and I'll come to the gate and say: "Saint Peter, that's my dog out there, you must let him come this way."

And then if the saint refuses, I'll go to the One above, And say, "Old Roger is at the gate with his heart brim full of love; And there isn't a shining angel of all the heavenly band Who ever lived a nobler life than he, in the Earthly land."

Then I know the gate will open, and you will come frisking in, And we'll roam fair fields together, in that country free from sin. So never you mind, old Roger, if your time has come to go; You've been true to me, I'll be true to you—and the Lord is good, I know.

You are only a dog, old fellow; a dog, and you've had your day; Well, I'm getting there myself, old boy, and I haven't long to stay; But you've stood by me, old comrade, and I'm bound to stand by you; So don't you worry, old Roger, for our love will pull us through.

—JULIAN S. CUTLER.

Teach Them Industry.

School and Fireside. There are some misguided parents in this world. They send their children to school with the one aim in view to educate them, never dreaming that education or book learning alone does not accomplish much. The writer once heard a mother tell her boy that she wanted him to have an education so he could make his living easier. A boy educated with that purpose will not be benefited by an education. The boy when he enters school, especially the higher institutions of learning, must be given to understand that education does not fit a man for idleness but industry. That he may more fully understand his duty and be able to do it in a more satisfactory manner, both to himself and society in general. Then, too, he should be given to understand that all labor is honorable. Teachers often overlook this point while they instruct the boy. A boy that is not industrious from childhood up will never amount to much, education or no education.

How Turkish Children Are Trained.

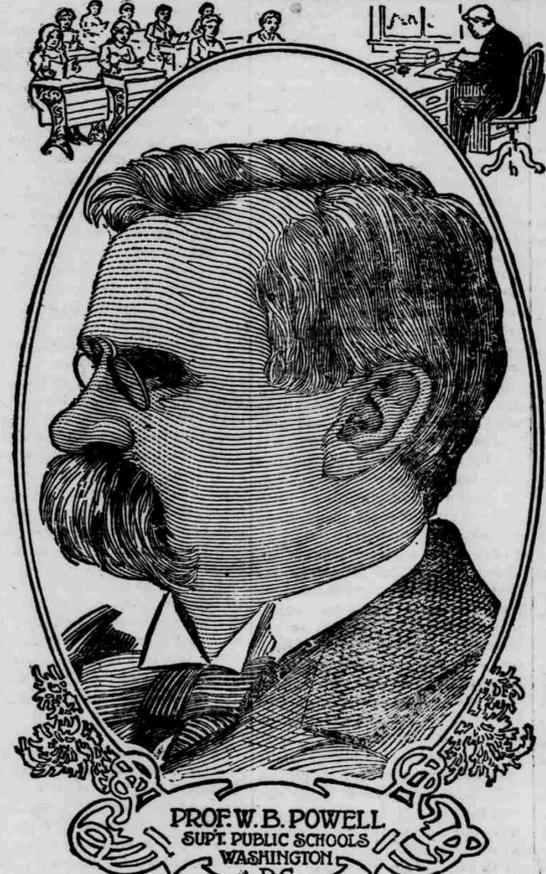
Selected. Little Turks are trained to be soldiers, every inch of them. A little Turk eats whatever is given him, obeys without a murmur, works like a horse at whatever task is set before him, walks till he drops down, draws water for his food, cuts his own wood, takes care of his horse and sleeps on the ground without even giving the smallest sign of impatience. He is even taught to do this without moving a muscle of his face to show that he does not like such hard work. What about the little boys in civilized countries who put because they have to go on errands and who refuse to eat porridge for breakfast?

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Mr. A. T. Wood, Mt. Sterling, Ky., writes: "For many years I have been a sufferer from catarrh, and have spent time and money with physicians and used many kinds of remedies which were 'guaranteed sure cures,' but in every case it was money thrown away. 'I reaped no benefit whatever from them. In my seemingly vain search for relief I purchased a bottle of Peruna, having no confidence in it whatever at the time. This was about one year ago, and I began to improve and was able to attend to my business without being constantly hampered by every kind of pain known to a human being. My hearing, which was almost entirely gone in one ear, got very much better. The medicine not only seems to cure, but to prevent disease. 'This winter when every one was suffering from influenza, I stood like a stone wall, absolutely proof against it. I am not a believer in 'patent medicines,' having found the majority of them false, but I do not hesitate to recommend Peruna as the best medicine for catarrh the world has ever seen. I keep a bottle of it at home constantly and shall continue to do so, because I believe it to be the best medicine on earth. I never leave home that I don't put a bottle of it in my grip.'"

Mr. Evan D. Bowen, Dodge City, Kan., writes: "I have had catarrh of the stomach for seven years, and I began to think that I never was going to be cured. At the time I began taking Peruna, I was unable to make more than one or two trips on the road at a time, not being able to keep anything on my stomach. I then weighed 108 pounds. I have been taking Peruna since that time and I have never lost a trip, and now weigh 200 pounds."—Evan D. Bowen. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

<h3>What Constitutes a Gentleman.</h3> <p>Cardinal Newman answers this question as follows in his Idea of a University: "It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain. This description is both refined, and, as far as it goes, accurate. He is mainly occupied in mere removing the obstacles which hinder the free and unembarrassed action of those about him, and he concurs with their movements rather than takes the initiative himself. The true gentleman in like manner carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or a jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast— all clashing of opinion or collision of feeling, all restraint, or suspicion, or gloom, or resentment; his great concern being to make every one at his ease and at home. He has his eyes on all his company; he is tender toward the bashful, gentle toward the distant, and merciful toward the absurd; he can recollect to whom he is speaking; he guards against unseasonable allusions or topics that may irritate; he is seldom prominent in conversation, and never wearisome. He makes light of favors while he does them, and seems to be receiving when he is conferring. He never speaks of himself except when compelled, never defends himself by a mere retort; he has no ear for slander or gossip, is scrupulous in imputing motives to those who differ with him and interprets every thing for the best. He is never mean or little in his disputes, never takes unfair advantage, never mistakes personalities or sharp sayings for argument, or insinuates evil which he dare not say out. From a long-sighted prudence he observes the maxim of the ancient sage that we should ever conduct ourselves toward our enemy as if he were one day to be our friend. "He knows the weakness of human reason as well as its strength, its promise, and its limits. If he is an unbeliever, he will be too profound and large-minded to ridicule, rebuke or to set against it; he is too wise to be a dogmatist or fanatic in his infidelity."</p>	<h3>Of General Interest.</h3> <p>There are nearly 14,000,000 acres of land in Italy still uncultivated which could bear good crops. Wisconsin is first in lumber and timber products, and Minnesota leads in flouring and grist mills. The number of passengers carried last year by the various street railways and omnibuses of Berlin was 532,957,411, an increase of 33,554,517 over 1901. Russia controls the platinum markets, the Ural mines furnish 8,800 pounds a year, the rest of the world hardly a thousand. The price is nearly \$300 a pound, as the supply is not nearly equal to the demand. A number of manufacturers of watches are preparing to emigrate from Switzerland to Germany. Ribbon, silk and other manufacturers have preceded them. The object is to save tariff fees and secure cheaper labor. Odessa, a city of 400,000 inhabitants, has an orphan asylum of which, since 1897, from 63 to 68 per cent of the infants received each year have died. Official investigation showed that this frightful rate of mortality was due to unsanitary arrangements and the use of poor milk. The population of the United States on June 30, 1900, was 76,303,307, an increase of 13,233,631 since 1890. About 4,000,000 immigrants arrived during that period, so that the annual increase by births was 1.3 per cent, which is about the same as Germany.</p>	<h3>Saving His Bacon.</h3> <p>Outlook. It was Christmas day of 1864 that Gen. Lee invited a number of Confederate generals to dine with him. His servant, Ephraim, who had been his personal attendant for some time, seemed to be at his ease than usual. The guests appeared, and dinner was served in the general's tent on a rough table, and consisted of bottled cabbage, on the top of which rested a piece of bacon about three inches square. As General Lee helped each guest he asked to have a piece of bacon. As the question was asked, Ephraim gave positive signs of terror. The dinner concluded with the piece of bacon undiminished in size, each guest having refused. As the guests left the tent General Lee turned to Ephraim and said in a low voice: "Ephraim, we have another cabbage, have we not?" The answer was: "Yes, sah, Mass Bob, we got another cabbage, sah." "Then, Ephraim," said the General, "save the piece of bacon to cook with that cabbage." The prompt and decisive reply was: "No, sah, Mass Bob, I can't do dat! I jus' borrow dat piece of bacon for season's ober dar in Richmond, and I done give up my parole ob honor I'll give him back dat same bacon what I borrow." General Lee left the tent without comment, and the bacon was returned.</p>
<h3>QUICK ARREST.</h3> <p>J. A. Gullage, of Verbena, Ala., was taken to the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 migraines. After several days all remedies failed. Buckle's Arrow Salve quickly arrested the pain, and cured him. —15c. per 100-1000 and cured him. —15c. per 100-1000 and cured him.</p>	<h3>A SURE THING.</h3> <p>It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all throat and lung troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. H. VanMits, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says, "I had a severe attack of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery cured me absolutely." It is infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pleurisy and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Dr. J. C. King and A. G.</p>	<h3>MOTHERS! MOTHERS! MOTHERS!</h3> <p>How many children are at this season feverish and constipated, with bad stomach and headache. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children will always cure. If worms are present they will certainly remove them. At all drug-gists 25 cents. Ask today.</p>
<h3>To Cure a Cold in One Day</h3> <p>Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.</p>	<h3>ALL THE TROUBLES OF THIS WORLD ARE BORN WITH WINGS.</h3> <p>—Mary E. Wilkins.</p>	<h3>Mr. Joseph Pomerville, of Stillwater, Minn., after having spent over \$2,000 with the best doctors for stomach trouble, without relief, was advised by his druggist, Mr. Alex. Richard, to try a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He did so, and is a well man today. It troubled with indigestion, but taste in the mouth, lack of appetite or constipation, give these Tablets a trial, and you are certain to be more than pleased with the result. For sale at 25 cents per box by E. T.</h3>